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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. On 1 September 1953 SU Yu (4725/5940), deputy commander of the 3 Field Army, left Nanking for the coastal area of Fukien, where he was to remain for three weeks before returning to Nanking. SU was accompanied by more than twenty persons, including leading cadres of the 3 Field Army Headquarters, the Political Department, and the specialized troops headquarters. Objectives of the inspection trip were as follows:
  - a. To inspect army, airforce, and naval units.
  - b. To inspect coastal defense works.
  - c. To meet with cadres of army level to transmit orders from the 3 Field Army and discuss defense problems.
  - d. To discuss with Fukien Military District officials plans for the early conquest of Chinmen (N 24-28, E 118-24) and other Nationalist-held islands.<sup>1</sup>
  - e. To analyze the combat experiences of Chinese Communist artillery units during the Nationalist attack on Tungshan (N 23-45, E 117-31) on 16 July.
2. During September the Supply and Service Command of the East China Military Area loaded a total of 1,500 tons of foodstuffs and military supplies on railroad cars at Nanking and Shanghai for shipment to Fukien on the Shanghai-Hangchow and Chekiang-Kiangsu railways. These supplies, which were transshipped to Fukien by motor vehicles, included 500 tons of foodstuffs, 150 tons of arms and ammunition, 20,000 padded cotton uniforms, gasoline, medical supplies, transportation equipment, and construction supplies. In the past the Supply and Service Command had maintained a stockpile of military supplies in Fukien sufficient for 100,000 men for about three months. During July and August transportation difficulties had prevented

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adequate supply movements and this 1,500-ton shipment was intended to return the Fukien military stockpile to its normal level.

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25X1A 1. [ ] Comment. Chinese Communist forays against several of the lightly held north Fukien coastal islands have already forced the Nationalists to withdraw from four of these islands; [ ] Chinese Communist activities against Chinmen have been limited to sporadic shellings and several small raids, on one of which a prisoner was taken.

25X1A [ ] Chinmen is defended by approximately 45,000 Nationalist troops and the Chinese Communists are believed at present to have neither adequate forces nor a sufficient water-lift to attack the island. While the probable recent return to Central and South China of three veteran armies of the 4 Field Army from Korea will increase Chinese Communist offensive capabilities in South China, no new forces have yet been identified in Fukien nor has any large shipping concentration been noted in the Amoy area. This report, if valid, probably indicates merely the continuing resolve of the Chinese Communists to take Chinmen, rather than any immediate intention to attack the island.

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